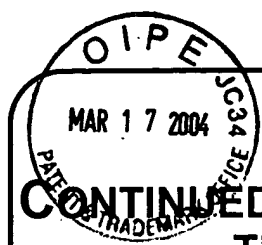


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/819,821
Filing Date	March 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	ROGER, MICHEL
Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	ZACHARIA, RAMSEY E.
Attorney Docket Number	713-417

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on January 20, 2004.
(Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Preliminary Remarks
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$770.00
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) - \$110.00
 - iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☐ Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by Credit Card Form PTO-2038 enclosed.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	William E. Beaumont	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	30,996
Signature		Date	March 17, 2004